To: Lindsay, Nancy[Lindsay.Nancy@epa.gov]; Stalcup, Dana[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov]; Fitz-James, Schatzi[Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov]
From: Woolford, James
Sent: Thur 8/13/2015 11:42:42 AM
Subject: RE: Statement from EPA Administrator to Regional Administrators RE: Ongoing Field Work at Mines

ASTSWMO not suited for that. Suggest you share directly with states.

Jim Woolford, Director
Office of Superfund Remediation & Technology Innovation
US EPA

Sent from my Windows Phone
Please excuse typos

From: Lindsay, Nancy
Sent: 8/12/2015 6:30 PM
To: Woolford, James; Stalcup, Dana
Subject: FW: Statement from EPA Administrator to Regional Administrators RE: Ongoing Field Work at Mines

Thanks for hosting the call today. We're writing up our suggested format for the regional assessment of mining sites and will get it to you shortly.

Enrique raises a good point below – can HQ shoot memos to the state directors via ATSWMO or should we reach out to our states?

From: Manzanilla, Enrique
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:14 PM
To: Zito, Kelly; Maier, Brent; Keener, Bill
Cc: Lyons, John; Herrera, Angeles; Meer, Daniel; Lindsay, Nancy
Subject: FW: Statement from EPA Administrator to Regional Administrators RE: Ongoing Field Work at Mines

Is this in a press release? WE need to convey something to states,

From: Maier, Brent

Contact: press@epa.gov or 970-812-3351

SUBJECT: Statement from EPA Administrator to Regional Administrators RE: ongoing field work at mines

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy today sent the below directive to Regional Administrators regarding ongoing field work at mines:

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

Regards,

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